

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, August 26, 1729.

From the St. James Evening-Post, Aug. 19.

Hague, Aug. 23.

**W**E expect to hear per next Advices, the Commencement of the Distribution of the Effects of the Gallies, agreeably to what is written by the Heer Vander-Meer, our Minister at the Spanish Court. The said Distribution will be a fair Step towards the Peace, tho' many things are still to be discussed in the Congress, the principal of which regard the Interests of the Emperor, who is for keeping up at least a Shadow of the Ostend Company, for a Punctilio of Honour; whereas this State, on the contrar, insists in the Resolution not to leave so much as a Shadow of that Company.

Many are of opinion, that the Queen of Spain is the chief Promoter of the Demand of the Emperor's Resignation of the Kingdom of Naples or that of Sicily, as well suiting with her Interest, in case of the Demise of her present Consort.

*Bristol, Aug. 16.* Since my last arrived the *Francis*, from France; her Cargo consists of 6 Ton of old Rags and 62 Dozen of Halters.

*London, Aug. 19.* By a Gentleman lately arrived from Dantzick we hear, that Wheat was sold very cheap at that Place; for 9, 10, and the best for 11 sh. a Quarter; and that they were embarking great Quantities to send where it bears a greater Price.

*Extract of a Letter from Lisbon, July 15:*

--- at the same time, you shall have a Copy of the Estimate of our Trade to Portugal, compared with that of other Nations, which has been laid before the King of Portugal. His Majesty still continues his Embargo on our Man of War, tho' we hoped it would have been taken off immediately upon Receipt of the Advices dispatched hither from the Portuguese Minister at London: But we are still to expect an Accommodation of this Affair; which was certainly a very rash Action on the part of the Portuguese: For, in a word, Capt. Norris is a very cool, good-natur'd, brave, gallant young Man.

The Case was exactly thus: When the Brazilman came on board the Man of War, the English begged the Portuguese to let go an Anchor; but in answer they were saluted with a Shower of Stones, Bullets, &c. which were thrown in to the Man of War, one of the Portuguese flourishing his Espada on the Quarter-deck all the while. Now it happened, that Capt. Norris had not a Sail to his Yards, so that he could not slip; and the Brazilman, with a strong Tide of Ebb, pressing upon his Cables, made the Anchors come home, and he dragged them after him a considerable way, till he was in Danger of going ashore on the Rocks of Alcantara; moreover, had his Bowsprit gone away, which was betwixt the Brazilman's Masts) all his Masts must of course come away. Therefore, all these Dangers being considered, and finding the Portuguese would do nothing, Capt. Norris jumped on board the Portuguese with his Sword drawn, calling his Men to follow him, whom he ordered to cut their Masts away, which was done in a Moment. I can't conclude without observing, That the Portuguese had near 100 gallant Fellows on board, who shewed their Courage at a Distance with Stones, &c. but as soon as our People entred, they all run to hide themselves; and those that could not make Haste enough, fell down on their Knees to ask Mercy: Their Fright was groundless, for not one of them received the least Blow, tho' some of our Men were hurt by their Stones, &c. We are clearly of opinion here, that Capt. Norris acted perfectly right, and that he could do no less in Support of the Colours he wears.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Aug. 21.*

Since our last arrived a Mail from France, and one from Flanders.

**L**etters from Edinburgh of the 14th Inst. advise, That the Justices of the Peace, &c. [as in that Day's Mercury.]

And by those from Dublin of the 12th we are informed, That the Week before, the *Dublin Tatch* sailed



failed thence for Chester with General Honeywood, and 'tis said will stay there to bring over his Excellency the Lord Carteret, who was expected the latter End of this Month.

The Town is in great surprise at the Discovery that's made of Mr. Nathaniel Bostock th' Exchange Broker, who 2 Years ago was generally believed to be murdered at Lambeth, being now living at or near Truro in Cornwall. The Particulars thereof are thus related: A Person by the Name of George Gouge sends to Mr. Snow, the Goldsmith near Templebar, Bills for several hundred Pounds to receive for him, telling him that he used to keep his Cash with Mr. Meade, but now designed that Favour for him: And divers Letters past between them from time to time. But 4 East India Bonds coming up from the said Gouge, and being carried to the East-India House to be paid, were stop'd, it appearing they belonged to Mr. Bostock at the time he was missing; which gave Suspicion that this Geo. Gouge was really Nathaniel Bostock, and has since been confirmed by the following Circumstances, viz. That Mr. Snow going to Mr. Meade, desired he would inspect his Books to see if any such Name as Gouge was therein; and upon Search, found there was no such; and upon comparing the Hand-writing of Gouge, it appeared to be Mr. Bostock's, and by the Description which the Carrier who brought up the Bonds gives of him. So that a Statute of Bankruptcy is taken out against the said Bostock by Mr. Wright a Goldsmith, to whom 'tis said he owes 1000 l. and Messengers are sent down to Cornwall to apprehend him.

If we may rely upon Advices given by the last Letters from Vienna touching the Emperor's Disposition to come into the Treaties, nothing material can obstruct its Conclusion, and making the Peace general. Mean time People long for the Return of the Express mentioned in one of our former to be sent to Vienna, in order to know whether his Imperial Majesty is really disposed to accept of the Conditions of the Treaty, to which the Allies of Hanover are said unanimously to agree with Spain.

A certain Number of English, French, Spanish and Dutch Men of War, are to rendezvous on the Coast of Spain, to carry Don Carlos and a Body of Troops to Italy.

The Letters from Cadix by the French Mail advise, That the Flotilla waited only a fair Wind to put to Sea for New Spain, being fully laden. But notwithstanding all that has been said, they make

no mention of the Effects brought by the Galleons being delivered out to the respective Proprietors.

Monday last Admiral Stewart sailed from St. Helen's for the West Indies. The Dutch Admiral continues at Spithead.

Yesterday died Edmond Halsey Esq; Member of Parliament for Southwark, at the Seat of the Lord Cobham near Buckingham, whose Lady is Daughter to Mr. Halsey. He left the Gross of his Estate, which is very considerable, to his Lordship.

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The King of Portugal has forbid all Correspondency of his Subjects with those of the Holy See under Pain of Death.

*From the Evening Post, Aug. 21.*

*Dantzick, Aug. 6.* Some of the leading Men in Poland continue to assemble at the Convent of O. liva, but what passes among them is a Secret to the Publick; however, it is well known they are in the Interest of King Stanislaus, which makes the Court uneasy.

*Paris, Aug. 27.* The last Letters from Madrid import, that they had received Advice from Cadix, that the King's Order for delivering out the Effects of the Galleons had not been published there on the 3d of this Month; nevertheless the Merchants waited only for it, to complete the Cargo of the Flotilla.

None of the Ministers of State came to Town this Week, nor will they leave Versailles till the Queen is brought to bed.

*Vienna, Aug. 13.* As Affairs are at present on the point of being accommodated, 'tis hoped that Spain will somewhat more exactly than heretofore comply with its Engagements to this Court, and pay off the Arrears of Subsidies due from thence to the Emperor.

The East India Company of this City have lately sent away to Constantinople a Vessel laden with Stuffs, &c. of Austrian Fabrick, with other Merchandise.

*Ghara, Aug. 19.* The K. of G. Britain is expected here Tomorrow, to take the Diversion of Stag-hunting in our Neighbourhood. His Majesty will continue here 5 or 6 Days, and return by Zell to Herenhausen.

*London, Aug. 21.* Yesterday her Majesty, the Pr. of Wales, the Duke, the Princess Royal, and the Princesses Amelia and Carolina, dined with the D.

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of Newcastle at Claremont, his Grace's Seat in Surrey, and returned in the Evening to Kensington Palace.

'Tis remarkable, that in the *Princess Anne*, lately arrived from the East Indies, only 10 Persons came home alive, of 70 that went with her from hence.

*From the St. James's Evening-Post, Aug. 21.*

*Warsaw, Aug. 3.* On Sunday the Pope's Nuncio, the Ambassador of France, and the other Foreign Ministers, had Audience of the King, in which they complimented his Majesty on occasion of the Peace that has been declared between the King as Elector of Saxony, and the Crown of Sweden.

*Sienna, Aug. 5.* An Earthquake lately happened in the Neighbourhood, which has caused a great deal of Damage, having continued 18 Hours, and overturned several Buildings in the Country: During which the River Arno, contrary to Custom, was thrown out of its Channel, and in less than 3 Hours drowned a great Tract of the Country.

*Danzick, Aug. 6.* The Secretary whom the D. of Mecklenburg sent six Weeks ago to Moscow, returned hither on the 4th, with a favourable Answer, as is given out, to the Letters that Prince wrote to the Emperor of Russia.

*Florence, Aug. 6.* This Court makes great Solicitation to the Courts of France and Great Britain, to hinder the Passage of the Infant Don Carlos into Italy. The Plague rages at Smyrna and Alexandria.

*Hague, Aug. 26.* Either our Advices from all Quarters must now be discredited, or every Thing tends to a general Pacification. We even begin to flatter our selves that the Court of Vienna will not obstruct it; and the rather, because the King of Spain has hitherto acted, to outward Appearance, in concert with the Emperor.

The introduction of the Infant Don Carlos into Italy, is the only Affair that can make any material Obstacle; and that not so much on the part of the Great Duke of Tuscany and the Duke of Parma, as on that of the Emperor, who must be apprehensive of the Loss of Naples and Sicily, being well aware of the Inclination of the People of these Kingdoms to throw off the *German Yoke* at all Adventures, and return under the Government of the Spanish Monarchy.

Mean while, the Distribution of the Effects of the Gallions is not entirely performed; the Gold and

Silver, and the most valuable Commodities still remaining on board. And several private Letters from Port St. Mary's advise, that they will not be delivered till after the Arrival of the King of Great Britain's positive Answer to the last Proposals of his Catholick Majesty.

Our Letters from Poland continue to give but a slender Account of their Hopes of the ensuing Diet of Grodno; and assure us, among other things, that the Members who compose that Assembly will particularly insist upon the King's breaking off his Intimacy of Correspondence with the Court of Berlin, whose Friendship and Alliance with his Polish Majesty they look upon to be of dangerous Consequence to the Liberties of their Republick. On the other hand, they do not know what to make of the raising so many Forces in Saxony, in concert with the K. of Prussia, who is also augmenting his Troops, already numerous enough to fill his Neighbours with Jealousy.

There has been some Talk here of sending another Minister to the Court of Prussia, in the room of Baron Keppel, who was lately recalled, without effecting any thing for the Interest of the Republick. But at present we hear nothing about it; and 'tis believed Mynheer Rumpf, our Minister in Poland, will go to Berlin, as soon as the Diet of Grodno is over.

*Paris, Aug. 28.* On Wednesday last Mr. Walpole received a Courier from London, with Letters of Importance touching the Peace. The Cardinal Fleury has complimented the rest of the Plenipotentiaries on the present happy Prospect of an approaching Peace, and especially those of Spain and Great Britain.

Mr. Bannieres is to set out for Port St. Mary's in 2 or Days.

*Vienna, Aug. 13.* The Day before Yesterday the Emperor, accompanied by the Duke of Lorain, went to take the Diversion of hunting the Stag in the Forest of Rhor. Yesterday his Imperial Majesty held a Council of State. 10,000 Quintals of Powder are sending away to supply the Magazines of Lunenburgh, &c.

*London, Aug. 21.* Last Saturday one Edw. Southurst of Lamberherst Parish in Surrey, who had received upwards of 12 l. for Hops, of Mr. Walmer, at Lewes in Sussex, was found dead, and his Throat cut, in a dry Ditch, and stripped of all his Money, on his Return home.

Yester-





Yesterday Morning, between 8 and 9 o' Clock, a Gentlewoman was robb'd in Marybone fields, by a Man well dress'd, with a Sword by his Side, on her Return home from London to her Lodgings, of 3 Guineas, a Spanish Pistole, and a new Shilling.

*From the Daily Post Boy, Aug 21.*

*Ratisbon, Aug. 18.* We see here a new Rescript of the Emperor to the King of G. Britain as Elector of Hanover, and the Duke of Brunswick-Wolfenbuttle, about the Affair of Mecklemburg; wherein his Imperial Majesty again requires them to deliver up the Chest of Administration to the present Administrator Duke Charles Lewis, and to transmit with all Speed an Account of the Charges of Execution, together with a specifick List of the Revenues of the Dutchy of Mecklemburg, &c. The Answer of the said King and Duke imports, That they cannot deliver up the said Chest, till they are paid their Arrears.

Letters from Turin mention a remarkable Piece of Devotion in the King of Sardinia. They say he has appropriated no less than 6 Millions of Livres to build a new Cathedral in that City, which he purposes to make one of the finest Structures in Italy. That Prince is the last King in Christendom; but if this be true, 'tis a Thought worthy of the First.

*Paris, Aug. 27.* According to our last Letters from Constantinople, it is not true, as was wrote from Venice, that the Count de Bonneval has changed his Religion and turn'd Mahometan; but it is true that the Grand Signor has given the Government to him of one of the Frontier Towns of Hungary, with the like Power as the Bashaws called of *Three Horse Tails*. This Count is to raise, at the Grand Signor's Expence, 12000 Men, of whom he is to form Regiments, and to teach them the Art of War.

*London, Aug. 21.* On Tuesday last a Board was held at the Admiralty, at which Sir Charles Wager was present.

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**EDINBURGH:** Printed For and By Mrs. Thomas and Walter Ruddimans. Sold at the Printing-house; and at Mr. Alex. Symmers's Shop in the Parliament-Close. At both which Places Advertisements and Subscriptions are taken in.

On Monday last the Reading Stage Coach was robbed upon Honslow Heath by a single Person on Horseback.

*Edinburgh, Aug. 26.* Yesterday Morning his Majesty's Ship the *Deal Castle* brought into Leith Harbour 4 French Smugglers, which we hear she had taken in her Cruize hither.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

### BY ADJOURNMENT,

¶ That on the 12th September next, betwixt 2 and 4 o'clock after Noon, in the Laigh Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, is to be exposed to Sale by way of publick Roup, the Lands of HERDMAN-SHEELS, with the Pertinents, extending of free yearly Rent (after Deduction of Minister's Stipend and Schoolmaster's Salary) to 1037 L. 14 sh. 2 d. Scots, lying in the Parish of West-Calder and Sheriffdom of Mid-Lotian, and holding *Blanche-Feu* of the Lord Torphichen. There is a convenient Old House on the Lands, and 19 Acres of Ground, all inclosed with a good Stone Dyke, and planted all round with good Gardens with old and young Planting therein, with a fine Water running thro' the Inclosure. Particulars may be seen in the Hands of James Syme Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Foot of Kennedy's Close.

\* ¶ That there are several ROOMS of LAND, with convenient Steedings built thereon, of greater and smaller Extent, either to be *seued*, or *sette in long Tacks*, in the Barony of Kerse, lying about a Mile from, and within the Parish of Falkirk, and Sheriffdom of Stirling. The Progress, and Conditions of the Feus, are to be seen in the Hands of Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan, Writer to the Signet, at Edinburgh; or John Hay of Candie, at his House near Borroshounness; or at the House of Kerse.

¶ That the Trustees for the Creditors of JOHN GRAHAM Merchant in Perth, having disposed of his hault Effects, (except some Trifles) and having made Money of them; and his Book Debts being made effectual, at least, Decrees obtain'd against Debtors for what is not paid: Do hereby advertise the Creditors of the said JOHN GRAHAM, That they will make a Dividend on the First of September next; and they who cannot attend, are desired to send the Instructions of their Debt to their Doers at Perth, that they may get their proportional Part of the Dividend: And that those who neither come nor send, are to have no Share thereof. The Dividend is to be made in the House of David Millar Writer in Perth.